

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1201

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Amy Jones upon becoming credentialed as Grant Professional Certified by the American Association of Grant Professionals.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to pay tribute to those exceptional Tennesseans who have achieved great success in their various areas of expertise and who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy citizen is Amy Jones, Executive Director of the Madison and Henderson County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) programs, who recently earned a nationally recognized credential in the grants field; and

WHEREAS, the recognition was conferred by the Grant Professional Certification Institute, Inc., an affiliate of the American Association of Grant Professionals; and

WHEREAS, Amy Jones is one of only 170 certified grant designers and managers in the nation who were conferred the title of Grant Professional Certified (GPC) after the history-making first offering of the GPC examination; and

WHEREAS, the credential recognizes proficiency in standards that include tenure in the profession, education, demonstrated achievement, and a commitment to service for public and private philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, beyond meeting eligibility requirements, GPCs have mastered nationally standardized competencies that are defined by nine skill sets; in partnership with the University of South Florida's Tampa-based Institute for Instructional Research and Practice, the GPC exam was established within the strict rigors and standards of psychometric testing and is the result of numerous interactions with grant professionals, employers, the funding community, and other stakeholder groups throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, originally from Lexington, Ms. Jones has served in her current capacity at Madison County CASA since 2004, and is highly respected and greatly admired by her colleagues and the public alike; and

WHEREAS, Amy Jones truly epitomizes the dedicated professional who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service, and she should be specially recognized for her outstanding achievement in becoming one of this nation's first certified grant professionals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Amy Jones upon becoming credentialed as Grant Professional Certified, commend her exceptional service to the citizens of Tennessee and this Nation, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her the best in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.